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British Columbia Botanical Association.

SIR,

I am instructed by the COMMITTEE of the ASSOCIATION to transmit a copy of Resolutions adopted at a meeting held on 14th May current.

The Committee regret to state that out of 43 different kinds of Seeds enumerated in the enclosed list, a very few only show any signs of vitality,—the box in which they were transmitted having been saturated with water. They trust that the box on its way, and now expected, may arrive in a better condition.

Under these circumstances, the Committee have directed that such Seeds as do not appear to have lost their vitality should be sown, under the direction of the Secretary, with a view to the ultimate distribution among the Subscribers by lot, according to the shares held by them, of any plants which may spring up.

The Committee have announced to Mr BROWN, the Collector, that his further services are to be dispensed with.

I am,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

I. ANDERSON-HENRY, Secy.

HAY LODGE,
TRINITY, 31st May 1866.

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At a MEETING of the COMMITTEE of the BRITISH COLUMBIA BOTANICAL ASSOCIATION, held within the HERBARIUM HALL, at the ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN, EDINBURGH, on Wednesday 9th May 1866, to examine Contents of Box, No. 4.—

Present—

Professor BALFOUR,
Mr GORRIE, for P. Lawson and Son,
Mr M'NAB, Treasurer,
Mr SADLER, Clerk, and
Mr ANDERSON-HENRY, Secretary.

The Committee carefully examined *seriatim* the parcels and packets of Seeds received from the Collector in that box, embracing from Nos. 231 to 273 inclusive; and it was a matter of deep regret to find, that from wet having got into the box, the Seeds, with only one or two very doubtful exceptions, were rotten, or their vegetative power destroyed. The exceptions referred to are Nos. 235, 238, 240, 241, 269, and 270, of the catalogue of the contents of the box, which had been previously transmitted by Mr BROWN with his letter of 9th February last, and which, with a view to its being transmitted to the Subscribers along with the Seeds, had been printed for the "*Farmer*" newspaper, and slips (now in proof) ordered for such transmission.

The meeting think it would be unnecessary to send any of the seeds of other packages than those of the Nos. above excepted, and therefore suggest, for the consideration of another meeting to be held in town before the date of despatch of the next mail to California (16th inst.), that the distribution should be restricted to these packets.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE of the BRITISH COLUMBIA BOTANICAL ASSOCIATION, held at 64 PRINCES STREET, Edinburgh, on Monday 14th May 1866.—

Present—

Mr PATTON, in the Chair,
Professor BALFOUR,
Mr HOG, Newliston,
Mr GORRIE for Mr Lawson, and
Mr M'NAB, Treasurer.

Resolved unanimously, that the services of Mr BROWN be discontinued, and that Mr HENRY be requested to write to him accordingly.

Resolved unanimously, that from the state of the Seeds in box No. 4, it is inexpedient to make any distribution of them among the Subscribers, and that Mr HENRY be requested to take charge of the sowing of the seeds (Mr GORRIE giving his assistance), with a view to the ultimate distribution by lot of any that may come up. That a circular be prepared, stating the general destruction of the seeds by wet, and intimating the resolution previously come to.

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The Prof. Bal'our mentioned is John Hutton Bal'our, father of Sir Isaac Bayley B.; Isaac Anderson-Henry was President, Bot. Soc. of Edinburgh 1867-8

British and Irish Botanists, Biographical Index of; gives:-

Brown, Robert (1842-95): born Campster, Caithness, 23 March, 1842; d. Streatham Surrey, 20 Oct, 1895. Studied at Edinburgh, Leyden, Copenhagen. F.I.S. 1873. Th.D. Rostock. Visited Jan Meyen, Spitzbergen and Greenland 1861. Botanist of Brit. Columbia Expedition, 1863-6. In Greenland 1867. 'Florula Discoana' Trans. Bot. Soc. Edin. ix. 430. 'Manual of Botany' 1874. Decidea Campsteriana MM Lindsay

Capt. Walbran, "British Columbia Place Names" is more expansive; Brown, River, Comox district, V.I. After Robert Brown, Th.D., F.R.S., Vancouver Island explorer, 1863-4. He arrived at Victoria in the spring of 1863, and made his first exploring and scientific expedition from Barkley sound to Kyoquot, 28 May-8 July of that year. (Report, Colonist, 13 July 1863). Early in 1864 he was again in the field, as commander and government agent, of the V.I. Exploring Expedition, and was instrumental in discovering the gold fields at Leech river, a discovery which at the time created great excitement in Victoria, but lead to no permanent results, the estimated find being in the neighborhood of \$60,000 (Colonist, 2, 8, August et seq. 1864). Brown river received its name from Dr. Brown at the express desire of the members of his expedition in 1864. Dr. Brown describes it as joining the Tuntledge river about five miles up the latter and that some rich croppings of coal were found on its banks (Report, Vancouver Island Expedition 1864, p. 17). In this report, pp. 22 & 24, foot notes, Dr. Brown gives the origin of many names he bestowed on mountains, rivers and lakes during the expedition, being those of several of the prominent men of Victoria at that date, members of his expedition and the exploration committee (q.v.)

Born 1842, a native of Scotland, he is described, when in his prime, as a fair stalwart northerner, full of vigour. His attainments as a scientific botanist and a geologist were of the highest order, and at the time of his death he was a member of the Council of the Royal Geographical Soc. After returning to England from V.I. he undertook an expedition to Greenland, and some years later was a resident of London, where he took up journalism. He prepared a reprint, with many interesting notes, of "The adventures of John Jewitt among the Indian of Nootka Sound," 1803-1805, the manuscript of which was found among his papers after his death. He died on the morning of the 26th of Oct, 1895, working almost to his last hour. Before the leader he had written for the Standard on the previous evening had come under the eyes of his readers the hand that had penned it was cold in death.

(Sproat L.; Henderson L. and Buttles lake were given by the above. John Buttle was a member of the expedition and afterwards led one of his own.)

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Schofield & Howay in the Bibliograph at the beginning of vol.1 of their work list the following publications of Robert Brown:-

Coal fields of N.Pacific Coast,Edinburgh,1869.
 Formation of fjords,canyons,etc.Roy.Geog.Soc.Journ.1869
 Vancouver Island Exploration,Victoria 1864.
 Synopsis of birds of V.I.Ibis,1868,vol.4.
 Queen Charlotte Islands.Jour.Roy.Geog.Soc.pp.381-392.

This report of the V.I.expedition must be a very rare item.I do not remember seeing a copy,and although for many years I kept a card catalogue of B.C.items appearing in booksellers' catalogues I have no record of it.It was probably issued as an unbound pamphlet-about the most perishable form of publication possible.

Years afterwards Brown edited a compendium of travels and exploration in 5 or 6 quarto volumes,and I believe he reprinted his V.I.expedition in this.I have seen it but do not remember much about it and do not have a copy of the work.

J.W.E.